The Hampshire White Riders Christmas Party

December 4^{th.} Was the Christmas Party for the Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club. It was held this year on a Monday evening at The Red Ox Restaurant and Bar instead of our normal Wednesday night meeting date. The Red Ox is closed on Mondays and opened just to host our private party, Thank You very much! Members brought items for the Hampshire Burlington Food Pantry. Members also collected items from local businesses that we raffled off and then gave the proceeds to the food pantry so they could purchase items still needed.

First, we started the evening with a short meeting followed by dinner. The club paid for dinner and drinks, and the Red Ox gave us three menu items to choose from for dinner, baked Tilapia with lemon butter, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, and salad. Or baked chicken, with garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, and salad. Or spaghetti with meatballs and salad. Along with pop, coffee, tea, or draft beer. After dinner we had our raffles, and we finished up the night with people horse trading some of the prizes they received, you know the Polaris people who won the Arctic Cat stuff, and so on.

I'd like to Thank Jodi Fields and the Red Ox for putting together a great evening. I'd like to Thank all the businesses who donated prizes to the party that turned into additional funds for the food pantry, Allen's Corner Dinner, Arlington Fire & Safety, AHW John Deer, Copper Barrel Restaurant, Coon Creek Country Days, Cruisin Bar & Grill, Fredrick Funeral Home, Goebert's Pumpkin Farm, Hampshire Social, Hart's Garage, Hampshire Car Wash, Heartland Bank & Trust, Klein's Farm & Garden Market, KB Crane, The Kave, Lafarge Decorative Stone, Luxor Nails, Lazar's BP Station, Maple & Hash Dinner, Moore then Clean, Napa Auto Parts, Niko's Tavern, Neuman's Bar, Outpost Tavern, Petersen's Fuels, Red Ox Restaurant & Bar, Sammy's Mexican Grill, and Tuscan Wine & Spirits.

Also Thank You to everyone who collected these raffle items, and helped with the party, Mike Bensko, Dan Eikler, Keith Lima, Becky Haseman, Scott Haseman, Lisa Seyller, Chris Moore, Ed Brettschneider, Genice Brettschneider, Steve Gustafson, Jeff Meindl, Kathy Meindl, Jerry Heresil, Kent Nussbaum, Bruce Hanley, Nicole Stadie, and Dwain Stadie.

A fun evening with dinner and friends is one of many reasons to join a snowmobile club. Thanks again to everyone. Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Dwain "Duey" Stadie